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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING)
(POLY)ISOCYANATE COMPOSITION)
WITH REDUCED VISCOSITY)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-38 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

~~39. A process for the preparation of a low-viscosity (poly)isocyanate composition comprising at least one isocyanate dimer containing a uretidinedione unit, from starting isocyanate monomers in which the isocyanate groups are borne by sp^3 carbon atoms, comprising the step of heating a starting reaction medium comprising said isocyanates monomeres, in the absence of a dimerization catalyst, to a temperature of at least 50°C and of not more than 200°C for a period of not more than 24 hours.~~

40. A process according to Claim 39, wherein said starting reaction medium is heated to a temperature of at least 80°C , and of not more than 170°C .

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